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NIFCUS library
Opens Today
In Reading Room

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'Engineer's Night Out' Features 2 Attractions

EUS Banquet On Thursday Plus Smoker

The 1950 edition of the "Engineer's Night Out" will take place this Thursday night, January 10. It will start with the E.U.S. Annual Banquet in the Legion Hall, 1191 Mountain street, at 6:45 p.m. and will conclude in the Union Ballroom with a "Smoker Cabaret" at 8:45 p.m. Tickets for the whole evening are two dollars, and are on sale in the Engineering Building. Banquet tickets, however, are only on sale until Wednesday noon.

The first item on the evening's agenda, the Annual Banquet, will feature a guest speaker (whose name will be announced on Wednesday) and a door prize of an R.C.A. Victor 45 r.p.m. record-player attachment. Chairman Dave Floyer told The Daily.

The "Smoker Cabaret" will take place under the chairmanship of Harry Filatrault who promises 50 minutes of continuous entertainment to round off the evening.

Four artists have been signed up for these 50 mins: Tom Auburn, a magician who has appeared in both Eastern Canada and the United States; charming Jeanne d'Arc Charlebois, one of Canada's foremost impressionists; Pat Shaw, an M.C. Comedian, and Paula Brooks, who, says Dave Floyer, "will produce something for the boys." To preserve cabaret style atmosphere the tickets for the Smoker are being limited. This will also prevent overcrowding of the Union Ballroom.

Food and cigarettes for this part of the evening will be free, and beer will be sold at 15 cents per quart. As well as these features there will be a number of prizes for some of the guests. There will be a door-prize of a Canadian Marconi Co. Featherline Electric Iron, plus a special prize of a ticket to the Plumbers Ball, a dinner for two at the Chicken Coop, a corsage from Louis Quinze, and a free rental of an evening suit from Classy Formal Wear.

Wind, Wire, Water, Fire Raze Home

LAWRENCE DINER

Students are finding themselves travelling by air these days as playful winds push them all over the campus. Saturday's winds brought little but discomfort to the vast majority of the people on the campus. To Professor Louis Arcand of Engineering, however, the winds brought disaster.

At 11 a.m., Saturday morning, when gusty winds knocked fences over, blew roofs off houses and knocked stones from buildings, a high tension wire was loosened from its fastenings and brushed against the tin drain pipe on the roof of Professor Arcand's home on de l'Epee Avenue. The current flashed through the pipe and ignited a wood pile in the basement. The fire spread throughout the basement and the first floor.

Mrs. Arcand entered the house and smelt the smoke. She opened the cellar door and saw the flames. Taking her children, she quickly left the house.

When the firemen were through, the interior of the Arcands' first floor flat was in ruins. What the fire and smoke hadn't damaged the water did. The furniture was ruined, the children's playroom in the cellar was a mess and the other flats in the three-storey building suffered smoke damage.

Asked If He's Communist, Student Editor Dismissed

Los Angeles — (Special) — The Daily Bruin, underground newspaper of the University of California, Los Angeles, has started the new year minus three of its top staff members. The UCLA Student Executive turned down three of The Bruin's nominations for masthead posts during the next semester. One of the candidates was quizzed by the Executive as to whether or not he was a Communist.

NFCUS Opens Library At Union Today

The NFCUS Library will be opened today. The McGill NFCUS Committee told the Daily last night it will be located in the Reading Room of the Union. The Library will be open today between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and will remain open during these hours until further notice.

The Library opening has been timed to coincide with, and to stimulate interest in, National Student Week, which will be observed across Canada from January 21st to 28th.

Folders containing information as to the organization and functions of NFCUS will be placed on the shelves so that students may acquaint themselves with the activity of this organization. In addition there will be Syllabi and handbooks which have been collected from other universities to acquaint the student with the administration and activities of these universities.

There will be questionnaires included in the library with the intention of sounding out student opinion on various NFCUS matters the co-operation of all the students is requested so that an adequate survey can be made. There will also be a guest book available and students are asked to sign it.

Not all of the summaries for the library have been completed but adequate information will be available to provide several hours of interesting reading.

Several members of the executive will be present who will be able to provide any information which is not readily available in the literature.

Tiny Clarke MOC Barn Dance Caller

Tiny Clarke will be the caller for part of the time at the regular bi-weekly square dance of the M. O. C. held tonight in the B. W. F. room in the gym at 8:00 p.m. John Waller will take over at 9:30 for the rest of the evening. Admission is free and dress is blue jeans and soft shoes.

Tiny Clarke has called at McGill before, having appeared at the Charities Ball in November. He regularly calls at the Normandie Roof where he has been giving 6 shows nightly for the past 1 week.

Before coming to Montreal he called for five years at the Village Barn in Greenwich Village in New York, and four summers in the Poconoco Mountains of Pennsylvania.

Tonight's dance is strictly stag. John Bishop told the Daily last night, and beginners and more experienced dancers are welcome. Instructions will be provided.

McGill Geneticists Report Findings at Science Meet

By BERN FELLETER

"Several scientific papers and reports were presented at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held in New York City on December 25 to December 28," stated Dr. J. W. Boyes, Chairman of the Genetics Department of McGill University in an interview yesterday, "and the authors of some of these reports were staff members of the Botany and Genetics Departments."

Dr. H. Kalmus, Associate Professor of Genetics, read his paper on the "Differential Tasting Ability of Human Beings." It is known that some people can taste certain things which others cannot. By using a specific chemical called P. T. C. (phenyl thiocarbamide), and varying its concentration, the tasting ability of a person can be determined, but only in relation to that substance. A norm is established for each individual, and depending upon the strength of concentration he is graded as a taster or a non-taster. The ability is due, largely, to hereditary traits, and possibly other factors.

A report was given by Dr. E. R. Boothroyd, Assistant Professor of Genetics, which dealt with the effect of the temperature on the chromosomes in trilliums. By different temperature treatments, the shape of the chromosome can be varied and Dr. Boothroyd has



THE MEMORIES OF SNOW in bygone years will be recalled by the old-timers on the campus, by this action sking photograph. The youngsters will get an opportunity to get a look at that white stuff in a sking movie which has been billed on Athletics Night 2, which is scheduled for this Saturday.

Dr. Thomson Lectures on 'The Hounds of Heaven'

The direct apprehension of God through the mysticism of experience of the soul of man was the theme developed by Dean James S. Thomson in the second Armstrong lecture yesterday afternoon. The subject matter for the Dean's address was the allegorical autobiographical "The Hounds of Heaven," a poem by Francis Thompson.

The intense divine pursuit of man that refuses to let him go is common to great poetic and literary works of the world. In the case of Francis Thompson he begins his search after the hell of slums, impoverishment and opium, and treading the way of a fugitive in utter renunciation first in his own private will, aspiring hope and ever present fear, he turns to the outside world to find fulfillment of the riddle of life.

But the poet finds sudden disillusionment there by his perception of the world dark as a divine and inescapable pursuer. In nature too Thompson is disillusioned and finally is driven back into the barren nakedness of his own soul, but he does not find himself alone there for what seemed to be the demands of life in searching his soul is actually the finding of God.

This is the essence of the mystical discovery of God that Dean Thompson put forth in his analysis of the poem. "The secret of existence and the realization of divine presence that is nearer to us than we dare to believe needs spiritual courage to depict."

For the poet presents a picture of the soul from the path of hell and purgatory to the experience of paradise. In a dynamic mood of an end-counter that is contemporary with the entire experience of life, Francis Thompson's description of Shelley's 'Prometheus Unbound' presents a vivid description of his own poetry that leaves one staggered and giddy from the poetry split like wine," the dean expounded.

"In Thompson's poem, the divine reality is the climax of a grim encounter of fading into twilight and darkness of human despair, yet the final failure achieves inevitably man's quest of God. From self-adorment come the trumpets which sound toward paradise," added the dean.

"Each man must make his individual way to God. There is no pressured way for salvation except our own experience. No philosophical formula can solve the meaning of life."

Delegates from seven Quebec and Ontario Universities met this last week end at the University of Toronto for the conference of College Unions. In four sessions at Hart House, the men's Union at the University of Toronto, the twenty delegates discussed all phases of financing, administration, organization and social and cultural activities of a Student Union.

Universities represented were Western, Queens, McMaster, Guelph, Carleton College, McGill and Toronto who was host to the others under the chairmanship and direction of Mr. N. Ignatieff, Warden of Hart House, Boris Gardavsky, Vice-President of the McGill Union was sent as the representative from McGill.

One of the unique features which appeared at the conference with regard to the McGill Union that it is the only one, with the exception of Carleton's small Union, that is completely administered and managed by students. On the staff of all the other student unions there are faculty administrators appointed by the university who are responsible for the management of the union.

The problem, however, whenever students take full responsibility for administration and management of student unions discussed at the conference, is financial. Another fault, moreover, is the lack of continuity in the administrative staff as a new slate of students are elected each year to manage the Union. The shortcomings of this system, it was felt, could only be avoided by a much tighter system of control and a more efficient organization of the Union itself.

Co-educational unions formed an other controversial issue at the conference. At present, the University of Toronto is planning a Co-ed Union to supplement Hart House, which is solely a men's union. Views were expressed by the Western and Queen's delegates as both universities have co-ed unions. Both

had no trouble in operation with this problem but, as was pointed out, their small size permitted much closer control of activities than is possible in a university where the enrollment exceeds 5,000.

The case of the university of Wisconsin was brought up as an illustration where Co-educational activities, particularly with regard to the Union had brought some of the extremes of the system. Administrators of the university, as well as observers, had begun to feel that the Co-educational facilities that had been provided had only led to an excess of frivolous pastimes.

Some concern was felt by some of the delegates over the rising number of diverse small clubs on the college campus and the corresponding decrease of interest and participation in such activities as debating, concerts, theatre productions, etc. Along with this, there was felt that in general, attendance at such things as football games, athletic nights, dances and so forth was on the increase."

Whether these trends reflected changes in the intellectual interests of present undergraduate students no one said but there was considerable concern expressed over the fact that a much larger proportion of the freshmen were having difficulty passing their courses and failing their first college year. The professors present were almost unanimous in their belief that the former close relationships between the professor and the student had virtually disappeared. Many expressed the hope that these conditions might return after the large influx of students which now jam most universities is relieved.

Final discussions centered around faculty and graduate participation in Student Union activities, the advisability of combining athletic and social activity in one union, and general financing and administration of Unions, particularly in regard to feeding facilities.

Red & White Revue Asked To Make Tour

Bill Nichols producer of "Subway or Other" the 1950 version of the Red and White Revue has announced that he has received several invitations to take the show on the road at the completion of its run on the stage of Moyses Hall. These invitations have been received from Quebec, Three Rivers, and Ottawa.

The revue is not new to the Citadel, having had a successful run there last year. Mr. Nichols stated that this year's invitations were based on last year's successful presentation on the boards of the Palais Montcalm Theatre in Quebec. He pointed out however that acceptance is dependant upon University authorities' approval.

Alf Powis, business manager, announced last night that first night ticket sales were going at brisk pace and that if the present rate of sales keeps up the Revue could boast of a complete sellout for all six nights. He also stated that there were no tickets to be obtained for the Wednesday night opening performance, the house being completely sold out.

As the title "Subway or Other" suggests, the show has as its theme the Montreal subway. The Revue this year is a satire on Montreal with take-offs on local nite-spots and customs. Music has been written by Roy Wolvin and book by Art Weinthal, Lionel Caplan, Len Ashley, and Stan Mann.

The production dates are January 25th to January 31st with no Sunday performance. Tickets are \$1.55 each, and may be obtained at the ticket office or at the door on the night of the performance.

Newman Club President To Be Elected

Ted Fox, Al Hanly, and Tom Egan have been nominated for the position of President in the Newman Club elections slated for the week of January 22nd, the retiring executive said last night.

All three nominees now hold important positions, Ted Fox serving as vice-president for men and publicity chairman, Al Hanly as chairman of the House committee, and Tom Egan as chairman of the religious committee.

The names of the contestants of other positions were also released. These are Marie McLean and Sally Wright for vice-president for women; Don Fraser and John Furlong for treasurer; Hazel O'Brien, Maureen Peckham, Marge Seng, Bernard "Buz" Beasley, Lang Desjardins, Andre Dionne, Frank Lacey, Hugo Vajk, Dave Willmet, and Francis Williamson for the position of councillors (three to be chosen).

It has been announced that this week will be devoted to campaigning. The voting booth will be open in Newman House on the 28th.

Commons Indicates Need For Expansion of Vet Aid

Toronto — (CUP) — Questioned regarding federal government use of expanded university resources yesterday, Veterans Affairs Minister Gregg declined to make any personal comment. His only answer was that the House of Commons had discussed the question during the last session, and had decided that "something should be done."

Mr. Gregg added that there would probably be some reply to this in the report of the Massey Commission.

No Veteran Prejudice — The question was placed after a lecture given by Mr. Gregg under the auspices of the School of Social Work. The topic was "Social Benefits Necessary to Those Who Served Canada in War and Peace."

In another part of his speech, Mr. Gregg pointed out with gratification that from all his travels throughout the dominion, he had found that the veterans of the two wars—making up one-quarter of the population with their families—looked upon themselves first as citizens of Canada, and second as veterans. In this way we were very fortunate in that no cleavage existed between the two parts of the population.

The majority of the Minister's talk as concerned with a description of the work of DVA, and the

Second Athletics Night To Be Held Saturday

McGill Market Group Newest Campus Club

The formation of a Marketing Club on the McGill Campus was announced last night by Andrew Bortnowski, chairman of the organizing committee. A general meeting, open to all students will take place in the near future; details will appear in the "Coming Events" column of The Daily.

"The new club was formed to help solve the problem of acquainting the university student with the opportunities in the business world," said Mr. Bortnowski last night. It is thought that both Marketing and Commerce students will find this club a factor in the establishment of a closer liaison between the business man and the student.

The organizing committee of the club is made up of J. Novotny, E. Courey, G. N. Tjellos, and the chairman, A. Bortnowski. They plan to present talks by various prominent businessmen on phases of the industrial and commercial world, for example; Advertising and Sales, Promotional Distribution and Delivery, Job Opportunities, and others.

Defense Board Advances as Research Unit

Ottawa. — (Special) — "The Defence Research Board has taken its place among the foremost research organizations of our time," Dr. O. M. Solandt, Director General of Defence Research, said here yesterday in announcing that the Board still has an outstanding need for some 60 full-time scientists.

In the introduction to a booklet outlining the work of DRB, and which has just been released, Dr. Solandt points out that although the Board's work is aimed primarily at ensuring that modern science will be used to the full in military defence planning, many of its discoveries are of value in purely civilian, peacetime fields as well.

In simple language the booklet describes the challenges and opportunities which confront scientists, both young and old, in the many fields of defence research science. It draws a comprehensive picture of the role of science in national defence and the nature of current undertakings.

In Newman House on January 23rd through to the 27th from 12 until 2 daily, and again on Saturday, January 28th from 9 until 10 p.m.). The results of the elections will be announced at an Election Dinner to be held in Newman House on the 28th.

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Thrills, Skills Visiting Teams Dancing Girls

With a balanced evening of sports and social events planned, Athletics Night 2 will get under way this Saturday, January 21, at 8:00 p.m., in the Currie Gym. Arrangements are now being completed to bring to McGill students one of the "finest aggregations" of visiting sportsmen ever to be witnessed at a McGill Athletics Night. Chairman Andy Powell stated yesterday.

The feature attraction will bring the American Olympic Gym team into the main gym for an exhibition of skill and precision on the horizontal and parallel bars and on the horse. McGill gym enthusiasts have pronounced this event as 'spectacular' and it is hoped that many students will find this part of the show as exciting as promised.

Beginning at 8 p.m. the Athletics Night will commence with a scheduled intercollegiate game between McGill and Queen's in basketball. The opener in the collegiate league's home series for McGill will give Moe Abramowitz's boys a chance to show their stuff to the home town supporters.

Simultaneously with the basketball game in the main gym, boxing will get under way in the B, W, and F room with McGill facing Ontario Agricultural College. The two teams are battling it out for the first time and Milt Orr's boys are in good shape for the tilt, having recovered from their former practice injuries.

A squash match in the squash courts will begin at 8:00 p.m. McGill will face a team from the University of Toronto which will be sparred by such veterans as Ernie Howard and Jim Barber. The match, a part of an intercollegiate round robin championship during the week-end between Royal Military College, McGill, Toronto, and McMaster, will feature Toronto and McGill as the two rivals not only playing against each other, but vying for top honors in the intercollegiate tourney.

In the small gym upstairs a pickled handful of the Ithaca College trampolines team will do an exhibition of aerial high-wire acrobatics. A piece of canvas stretched between four pillars and balanced on springs gives ample opportunity for the trained team to do double flips and turns in mid air, and the event will end with the display of ground acrobatics.

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Student Forum

CO-SEXUAL, SYMBOL OF DECLINE?

Foreword

The following article was written by Boris Gardavsky, vice-president of the McGill Union, who attended a conference of student union executives at the University of Toronto last Saturday and Sunday. Professors as well as students participated in discussions and both groups expressed concern over declining interest in campus events, particularly those of a cultural nature. Readers, including undergraduates, graduates and faculty members, are invited to comment on Gardavsky's article.

In his address to the delegates at the conference of Student Unions, Dr. Sidney Smith, principal of the University of Toronto said that in his experience the closer the relationships between men and women students in Student Unions, the poorer such relationships became. At the same time, he said, he was fully opposed to a complete separation of the sexes as is the case in many Unions.

The general feeling of those attending the conference was that with the advent of "co-sexual" activities the interests of the majority of the students has turned to more frivolous activities, to more dances, to more drinking, and to generally more wasting of time. With this has come a corresponding decline of interest in what is ironically called the more "serious" amusements, the concert, the college debate, the discussion group.

Another serious concern of the educators has been the high percentage of failures in the freshman class of the last two years. Thirty percent of the freshmen of the Ontario Agricultural College failed completely. McGill fared "little better" last year.

Dr. H. Wasteneys, professor of bio-chemistry at Toronto, who phrased the term "co-sexual" to replace the euphemistic "co-educational", stated that one of the greatest problems is the loss of professor-student relationships as they existed before the last war. A return of these conditions might solve many of the problems

just considered, he said.

But "before the war" is long ago. In the turmoil of the last great war has not a continuing change been lost sight of?

With the increasing technology of our civilization, the period of education has been steadily growing longer. At one time, universities were only for poets, lawyers, and doctors. High school was enough for most. This picture has been steadily changing since the turn of the century. Today even a bachelors degree is not enough. One must have a masters or even a Ph.D.

But with this has come a more serious change, the decreasing maturity of the college freshman. Perhaps this has not been recognized in the last five years when the influx of the older, veteran students raised the general level of maturity of the college undergraduate. But the contrast between these students and the present freshmen coming from the high schools has been striking. Here, perhaps, lies the fundamental problem.

The college student of 1936-37 was vastly different from the college freshman of 1950. In general, he was of a more select class. He was also more mature, and his thoughts and interests reflected this.

Today the case is different. The tabloid newspaper and the superficial movie have begun to have their way. Don't think, thinking is work, they shout. Have fun!

And with fun has come a general disregard of those activities which were based on a high calibre of intellectual activity. Student-professor relationships have practically disappeared. There is no common meeting ground. Serious discussions are virtually unknown. Serious thought is absent.

Yes, "before the war" is long ago.

Can the university and the senior student meet this challenge? Can they recognize the problem and honestly attack it or will they continue on their narrow paths muttering "I'm too busy"?

—Boris Gardavsky

The I.U.S. Issue

NFCUS INVESTIGATES THE IUS

Foreword

This is the fourth part of a series of articles to be run by The Daily to acquaint readers with the history and organization of the International Union of Students and its relations with the National Federation of Canadian University Students. The question of whether or not NFCUS should join IUS (which should not be confused with International Student Service) has been a controversial issue on Canadian campuses for several years. The whole question may become a major issue again when Canadian students are asked for their views on sending a Canadian delegation to the World Student Congress to be held in Europe this summer. This series on IUS was written by Jack Gray, news editor of The Toronto Varsity.

The Constitution of the International Union of Students adopted at the World Youth Congress held in Prague in 1946 was rejected by the Dutch. The Canadian delegation had no authority to accept the IUS Constitution for Canadian students, since they represented five different organizations and not one national student group.

NFCUS is Reorganized
The National Federation of Canadian University Students (NFCUS) did not have a representative at the Prague Congress in 1946, because at that point NFCUS was little more than an executive group. It had been revived following the war, but during 1945-46 nothing was done mainly because of a lack of money and of support from Canadian universities.

In the fall of 1946, however, NFCUS held a conference at the University of Toronto to which the

representatives of many Canadian universities came, resolved to make NFCUS an integral part of student life across Canada.

Under the leadership of Maurice Sauve NFCUS made great strides during 1946-47. Sauve travelled the country from coast to coast, speaking to students, and assisting the universities to form local NFCUS committees.

Decide To Investigate IUS
At the 1948 NFCUS Conference it was decided to investigate the IUS thoroughly before actually joining the organization. A telegram was sent to the IUS stating that Gordon McLean, who had been elected at the Prague Congress as Canadian representative on the IUS Executive, did not represent NFCUS.

The various Canadian universities then began a study of the IUS, its constitution and its aims, and later appointed three Canadian students to attend the 1947 IUS Council meeting held in Prague from July 31 to August 11 of that year.

Robert Rambusch of the University of Toronto, Camille Laurin of the University of Montreal, and George Robinson of the University of New Brunswick sat as observers for NFCUS at the 1947 IUS Council meeting. All three delegates recommended that NFCUS join the IUS. All three pointed out the dangers, the pit-falls and the steps that would have to be taken if NFCUS was to make any effective contribution to the IUS.

(The three reports submitted by Rambusch, Laurin and Robinson will be dealt with in later articles.)

Canadian Opinion Develops
During this period Canadian uni-

versities had an opportunity to study the IUS Constitution, and particularly the clause which had caused the Dutch to walk out of the IUS. It reads:

"Member organizations of the IUS shall abide by its Constitution, carry into practice the decision of its Congress and other Governing Bodies and support organizations pursuing general aims similar to its aims. Any decisions of the IUS not adhered to by the national organizations shall be submitted to the council for final judgment."

Meanwhile the IUS continued on its path of political partisanship. It also began to develop the more practical side of its work, which was the aspect of the IUS that appealed to Canadian students. The opportunity for international contacts, and for an opportunity to assist in non-partisan work in the international student field was the spark that kept Canadian interest alive in the IUS.

There was another side to the question. Many Canadian students, particularly those in the Maritimes, felt that NFCUS was not yet a strong enough organization to engage in international work, and the first strains of the argument that had a great deal to do with defeating NFCUS-IUS affiliation at the NFCUS Conference in Montreal in 1948 began to be heard.

Three Points of View Held
Even at this point it was possible to see the lines the argument would follow. There were three groups: 1) Those who thought NFCUS should stay out of IUS because it was communist and we couldn't hope to do anything in a communist organization; 2) Those who felt that NFCUS

Just to give you an idea of what happens in the play, here are a couple of the more refined murders.

Modern Exhibition at Art Gallery

Contemporary painters react to their time and therefore it is not surprising that their works should reflect pain, guilt, and neurosis. Not all of the two hundred contemporary American, British, and French paintings now exhibited in the Museum of Fine Art fall into the category but most of them do. Among the more important British works, Paul Nash's highly poetic "Landscape of the Vernal Equinox" and Coldstream's calm and restrained "Casualty Reception Station" are perhaps the only ones that have a more than delicate hold on the sanity. The statuesque and massive human figures of Sir Henry Moore's three watercolors ("Row of Sleepers," "Seated Figure" and "Family Group") convey spiritual isolation and the wearied expectancy of war-time, tub shelters.

Through the thick brush-strokes of Mathew Smith's "White Dahlia in a Blue Jug" there comes the nervous inner resonance characteristic of Van Gogh.

Except for Matisse's "Femme à la Fenetre," Picasso's "La Faune au Maillot Violet" and the self-portraits of Jacques Villon and Edouard Goerl—both of which attempt a synthesis of physical and psychological realities—the French paintings, which bring into collocation Fauvism, Cubism and the technique of the naive painter, play havoc on one's emotions and suggest the

all-inclusive term of "Dreadfulism" or "Dreadfulism."

The American paintings fare somewhat better. Morris Graves' "Wounded Sea Gull" handles well the pathos of death. Paul Berlin Weber ("Three Literary Gentlemen," "Adoration of the Moon") prove that new forms need not obscure the meaning, and introduce a much wanted strain of humor. Realistic in approach are Arthur Ower's "Monday Morning" (subtitled: dry washings) and Guggenheim's "Rivers," both paintings leave a residual impression of sterility.

Finally, "Archaic Release" by Theodore Stamo and Walter Houser's "Epicurean" are of special interest. Both are studies of the subconscious and allow ample play for the projective faculty. It is hardly possible to arrive at generalities after seeing some two hundred paintings. Yet one inevitably gains the impression that, from the artists' awareness of their time, there arises either a wish to compensate for the limitations of external reality through a recourse to a secure microcosmos, or a dual attempt to portray the stress and chaos existing within and without. While the former trend leads to new experiments and carries abstruseness in its wake, the latter is an agitated protest that may become pathological in import.

—A. G. E.

18th Century Modern

Benjamin Franklin

By Moe Diner
(Senior Staff Writer)

On January 17th, our southern neighbors observe the birth of Benjamin Franklin. He was born 244 years ago in Boston, Massachusetts. He had more to do with the founding of the United States of America than any other man, with the possible exceptions of Washington, Jefferson and Hamilton. He is practically unknown in this country.

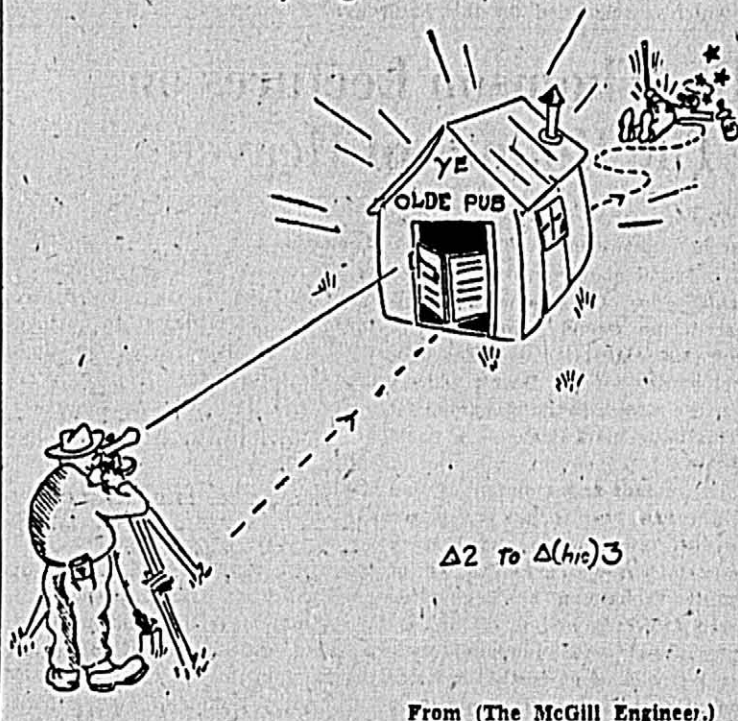
There are two main reasons for this lack of appreciation of Franklin in Canada. The first reason is the provincialism in our study of English literature. In the United States since 1700, a whole new stream of writing in the English language has developed. And yet our courses in English literature still take in only the writers of the British Isles. The result of this is that the average university graduate is almost ignorant of anything written in American before the time of James Fenimore-Cooper or of Mark Twain. In particular, few educated Canadians have more than barely heard of Benjamin Franklin. Yet Benjamin Franklin is one of the greatest of the eighteenth cen-

tury writers in the English language. He is infinitely more readable a writer than, say, Samuel Johnson, and his easy prose bears comparison with Addison's or Swift's. His autobiography is not only one of the best in the language, it is also one of the most enjoyable.

He was not merely a writer: the range of his interests were of Renaissance variety. He did pioneer research on electricity; invented the first good heating stove, bifocal glasses, the library "arm" (now used in grocery stores to haul down items from upper shelves), an possibly the first circulating library; developed or anticipated such theories as that of the Gulf Stream, the wave-ether view of light; and Malthusian population theory (which was one of the sparks that fired Darwin's view of natural selection). He was the outstanding American scientist of his century (although he did it as a hobby, and although his formal education had ceased at the age

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Preview of Thursday Night



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From (The McGill Engineer.)

Ten Little Indians

By Clarke Newton

The Indians are on the war-path again, however, it is a 20th century Indian and not the ones of the good old days. These Indians are supposed to have refined manners, enjoy living in houses of glass brick and prefer to have their meals cooked by the choicest of French chefs. Mind you, I say supposed.

The theme of the play "Ten Little Indians" is taken from the old nursery rhyme which I am sure you remember.

"Ten little Indian boys going out to dine,
One choked his little self and then there were nine.
Nine little Indian boys stayed up very late,
One overslept himself and then there were eight . . ."

However, the Indians I'm talking about don't go in for such niceties. They are far more brutal and much more cunning.

Murders

Just to give you an idea of what happens in the play, here are a couple of the more refined mur-

ders. While one of the poor unsuspecting guests of Indian Island (the setting of the story) is out in the kitchen gathering some sticks and bits of coal for a fire, the murderer tip toes up behind him and splits his skull with an axe. That's a throwback to his forefathers. Or with a more modern touch; while everyone is being introduced to each other and remarking about what a lovely holiday they intend to have, the murderer slips a soothing dose of cyanide in some whisky and another unsuspecting victim bites the dust.

The Cast

The cast of "Ten Little Indians" includes Molly Rosenblatt, Elizabeth Sifton, Pauline Ramsay, Bill Shalner, Len Ashley, Doug Jones, Margo Cronyn, George Monahan, Stan Taviss and Richard Roberts. The set and lighting are under the direction of Alex Mayers and the properties were gathered by Ann Avison. Valantyne Clyne and Martha McGrath are the stage managers.

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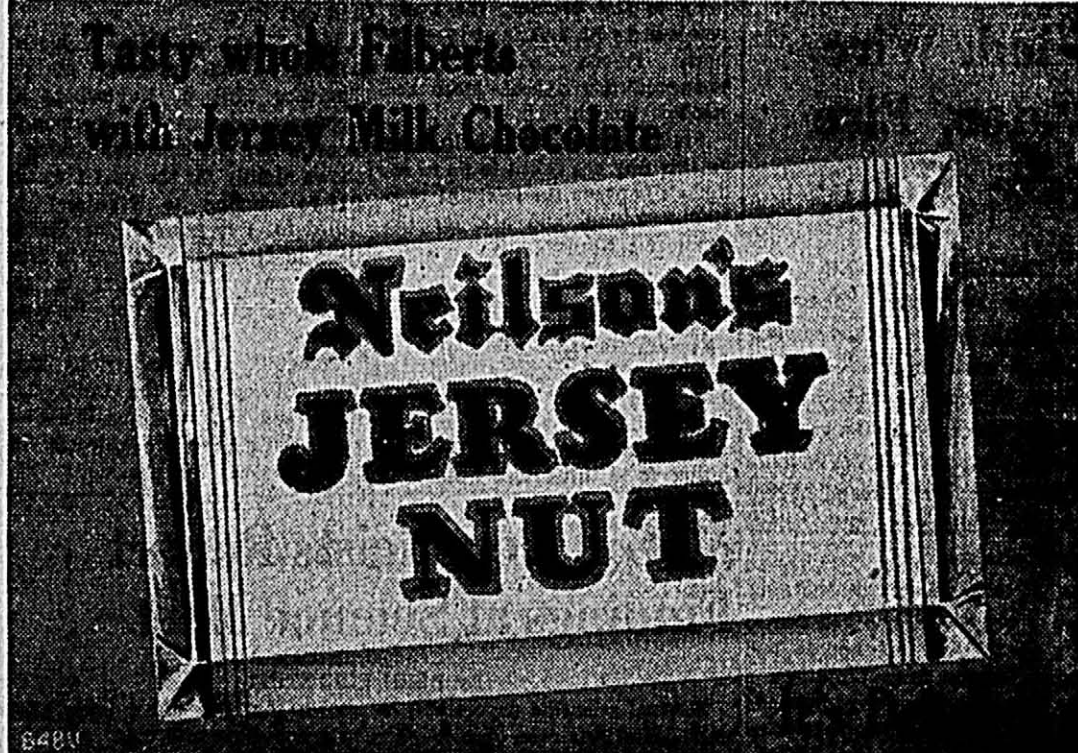
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Athletics Night Features Queens-McGill Hoop Tilt

By ART BRONSTEIN

Menior Moe's senior cagers, having engaged in a number of exhibitions with American Colleges and being provided with strong opposition in the M.B.L. since the beginning of December, now enter the crucial part of the year's work. This Saturday evening, at 8:00 p.m., the squad will take to the floor against Queen's University in the first intercollegiate basketball contest of the season for the Red and White. The intercollegiate season officially opens in Toronto the night previous with University of Toronto playing host to the cham-



'SAM ROTH'

Championship University Western Ontario crew.

The contest with Queen's is the feature event of Athletics Night 2. No information has been received from Queen's regarding their cage prospects for the current season, however it has been reliably learned that Coach Tindall will probably present a somewhat different lineup to that which finished third in the last intercollegiate hoop race. Opposing the Golden Gaels will be much the same team as has been featured in the M.B.L. Wednesday night tilts. Inasmuch as M.B.L. and

C.I.A.U. legislators have ruled a ten-man team limit, and whereas Abramowitz has been working out with eleven men, a cut will have to be made before Saturday night. The McGill coach stated in an interview last night that no definite decision will be reached until after Wednesday's M.B.L. contest against the star-studded second place Windors.

The steak house men present such stalwarts as Flick Davidson, Slick Roth and Phil Weissberg, ex-McGill hoop stars. The first two named represent two-thirds of the famed Flick, Slick, Chick line that provided many a starry performance two and three seasons back. The youngest member of that cagey trio, Chick Bloom, is present in the Graduate faculty and enjoying a bang-up season with the Red-hot-men. Coach Abramowitz has stated that to meet the ten man limit Wednesday he will probably not use Lou Milburne against the Windors.

McGill will likely floor the same crew Saturday night in the home opening of the schedule as saw action against the Curry College. Present indications are that Bud Fraser will start at centre, and will be flanked by Chick Bloom and Sheldon Merling.

Don Finlayson and Lou Endman will probably start at guard. Rounding out the five, Abramowitz will rely on Dave Caldwell, who is rapidly attaining his peak form of last season, Asher Garbutz, one of the most impressive rookies, Dennis Skinner, the veteran sharp-shooter, Smiley Wilson, Bruce Cunningham, and Lou Milburne, though the squad will be reduced one player before the game time. Much depends upon the boys' performances against Windsor tomorrow night.

Engineers Win Trio of Tilts In Hoop Loop

'Sir Arthur Currie Gymnasium resounded with the sound of basketballs last night as eight games were played in the Intramural Basketball League. These games started the second half of the Interfaculty Basketball Schedule.

The Engineering faculty put on the best show as their teams won three games. The Powder Puffs, the Plumbers and Engineering 3 & 4 respectively defeated Phys Ed 2, Grads and the Trojans.

High Scorer for the evening was Menard of Phys Ed 1 who had a total of 25 points. Next was Silwka of the same team who score 16 points. Third Highest man was Hal Blewald of the same team who had a total of 12 points.

In the first game of the evening Med 1 defeated the Spartans of A & S by a score of 32-22. The score at half time was 17-6 in favor of the Med team. High scorers of the night were Campbell of Med and Amaron of the Spartans with eight points each.

Powder Puffs of the Engineering Faculty defeated Phys Ed 2 by a score of 23-15. Jonas of the Powder Puffs and Peart of Phys Ed were high scorers, with six points each. Next in line was Gene Robillard of Phys Ed who had four points.

Phys Ed 4 walloped the Med 2 "B" team by a score of 37-4. The score at half time was 20-0 in favor of the Phys Ed team. High scorers were Menard, and Wheeler of Phys Ed with 11 and eight points respectively. Plumbers of Engineering and Grads put on the most exciting game of the evening. The score at half time was nine all.

Plumbers won the game by the score of 19-18. Chamberlain of the Plumbers was high man with seven points. Next were McCormick of the Plumbers and Conn and Murdoch of the Grads with six points each.

Engineering 3 & 4 defeated the Trojans of Arts and Science by a score of 25-16. Goldblooms and Armstrong of the Engineering team were high men with eight and seven points respectively. Schacter and Simcoe were the high scorers for Trojans with four points each.

In the next game of the evening Phys Ed 1 really walloped Law by a score of 57-15. High men were Menard, Blewald and Silwka who scored 53 of their teams 57 points. Law with seven points.

Phys Ed 3 defeated the Daily Arts & Science team by the score of 20-16. McGregor of Phys Ed and Kopin of the Daily were high men with eight and seven points respectively. Next were Chomay of Phys Ed with six and Rissman of the Daily with five.

Med 3 defeated Commerce 4 in the last game of the evening by a

Western Hockey Team Likely League Entry

London, Ont. Jan. 16. — (CUP) — Mayor George Wengle of London announced at the annual fall banquet Wednesday night that London's new arena will be ready before the end of 1950. This means, perhaps, that the University of Western will be able to enter the Senior Intercollegiate Hockey League. This indeed has been good news to the University as well as to the City of London. From all reports this year's ice addition of the Western Mustangs is stronger than ever, and if Coach Eric Pettinger is right, the Western team this year could give any team in the intercollegiate loop a real battle.

The team opens up their intermediate season at Waterloo College, and they look like a

good bet to take their league title. Up to date they have swept a two game exhibition series with the highly rated Huskies of the Michigan Institute of Mining Technology. The Michigan squad rated the third best college team in the States bowed to the Mustangs 5-3 Friday night and 6-4 on Saturday. High scorer for the series was Jimmy Black, with three goals, while Dave Gossage and Jack Avery each scored two. The victories as seen by Coach Eric Pettinger are convincing evidence that this year's Western ice aggregation is one of the finest in the University's history. Friday's night tilt was played three hours after the Western boys disembarked from a grueling 800 mile train and boat trip.

Sportively Speaking

by Barbara Watson

FIT IN FIFTY

The middle of the century, and the slogan that came in with the new year very aptly seems to be let's have fun in fifty... and what better way could there be than to keep fit in fifty... it has been a sad look seen on many faces on the campus however as people fight their way around against March winds and look at the bare, muddy ground that surrounds them... we hear tell that you could pick clover up in St. Sauveur last weekend... still people seem to keep their hopes up, and maybe snow might come in February, also we hear tell that all enthusiasts can see ski movies up at Athletics Night, Two this Saturday.

Nobody but those with country estates retire to the mountains these days, so everyone can at least look at snow and see people skiing by watching these movies.

Birdies Flying

The notice board in RVC has all the news posted on it... right now the draw for the Women's Singles Bantam Tournament is up... the first round has to be played off to-night... Sheila takes on Mona Macfarlane, while Otilie Huycke plays Jean Preston. The second round has to be played off by Thursday of this week. The games can be played either in the RVS Gym, or else up the hill at the Currie Gym.

The names for the second round stand as follows: Bliss Matthews vs. Carolyn Box; Elaine Betts and Mil-

dred Scholnick play the winners of the first round; Connie Harrison vs. Daintry Chisholm; Marion Johnson vs. Mary Wurtelle; Pat Bennett vs. Shizuye Kosaka; Alfreda Redgell vs. Chris Sexton; Liz Lalonde vs. Lois Preston.

Audience Needed

This Thursday evening the intramural final will be held up at the Currie Gym at 7:00 between the Strathconas, who were the winners of the section that played every Tuesday, and the Nalmsiths, leaders on the Friday schedule. This should prove to be a close and exciting game... leading the attack for the Strath team will be Shellagh McQuitty, Par Griffiths, Elizabeth Lalonde, Pat Bennett, Connie Harrison, and Isabel Irwin... on the opposition will be Wendy Cleugh, Joan Ramsay, Bernice Bloom, Di Kingmill, Marg Hanley, and Pat Rowe.

Odds and Ends

The new year is here and classes in the various sports open to all women students have started up again. Swimming gets underway for the term today at the YW at 5 o'clock and tomorrow at the same spot at 4:30. Next week there will be instruction in badminton at the following times: Monday, 9:10; Tuesday, 3-4; Thursday, 2-3 and 3-4. On Friday of next week the floor will be free from 3-6 and may be reserved for games or practice... these sports are the ones left to keep one fit until skiing finally gets a start when the weatherman breaks through.

Intermediates Meet Bishops

The McGill Intermediate Hockey team will open up their intercollegiate schedule against Bishop's College of Lenoxville this Saturday, Jan. 20 at home. This is the first game of a twelve game schedule, two of which are exhibitions.

The team is entered in the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference Intermediate League which is an outgrowth of the football league of which the McGill Intermediates were champions. The team will face six of the teams in the league.

Jan. 20—Bishops at McGill.
Jan. 21—Bishops at Dawson.
Jan. 25—Dawson at Loyola, Macdonald at McGill.
Jan. 27—Loyola at McGill.
Jan. 28—Macdonald at Bishops, Dawson at St. George, McGill at Ottawa (exhibition).
Feb. 1—Dawson at Macdonald, Loyola at Sir George.
Feb. 3—Bishops at Sir George, McGill at Dawson.
Feb. 4—Bishops at Loyola.
Feb. 5—Macdonald at Dawson.

Howie Ryan Announces Intramural Practices

Howie Ryan disclosed today that intramural Hockey Teams will devote this week entirely to practices so that the teams may get into proper shape for the coming schedule.

"B" league games will be played at the McTavish street rink, while the "A" league games will take place at St. Laurent. Buses will be provided for all "A" league players to take them to the arena, but no transportation will be provided for the return trip.

The B loop will be refereed by students, while the A loop by competent provincial league referees. There will be an important meeting of all managers of the B league on Wednesday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the gym. It is imperative that all concerned attend.

Here is a list of the practice dates: Friday, January 20: Arts and Science, 1:30-2:05; Medicine, 2:05-2:40; Dentistry, 2:40-3:15.

score of 27-11. High man was McDonnell of the Med team with eight points. Next were Cohen of Med and Klein of Comm with six and four points respectively.

Sports Views

by IRWIN GUTTMAN

We were privileged to watch the inception of a newly formed line at last Friday's hockey game, a line which has 'all the indications of becoming a top line in the Senior Intercollegiate League. This trio has Ted Murphy at centre, Gene Robillard at right wing and Len Kent on right.

In his column in one of last week's issues of the Herald, Elmer Ferguson, veteran of many years of observing the hockey scene, stated that a good hockey line must have the following qualifications: (1) A good playmaker; (2) A fast skater, come-what-may, helter skelter player who can put the puck into the net; (3) A solid man who back checks well, can give a good pass, and remains calm at all times.

This line seems to have the above qualifications. Ted Murphy, the shifty centre of the line, is a good playmaker and a hard worker. On right wing, the unit has the fast skating, aggressive, helter-skelter player that can put the puck into the net in the person of Gene Robillard. In Len Kent on left wing the combination has the solid man. Leonard is a smooth skater with a good turn of speed and possesses a fine shot. In short, if this trio continues to dig as it did in last Friday's game, they will be a power to be reckoned with in the race for Senior honors.

"M" CLUB

We must confess that a statement that appeared in the Dec. 14 issue of the Daily almost passed us by unnoticed. The statement was contained in a front page article on a report of and S.A.C. meeting. It had this to say: "... Vic Obeck presented a report on the formation of an "M" club at McGill, and a committee has been appointed to work on it."

Gathering our paid informants to the fore, they dug up the following on this proposed club.

It seems that the idea originated with an American transfer student from Washington U., now attending McGill. At Washington, it seems that they have a Senior Letter Club, an association whose members all have won their Senior Letter by participating on Senior Intercollegiate teams.

Now it seems that this transfer student, noting the absence of such a club on the McGill Campus took the idea to Coach Vic Obeck, who immediately encouraged him to suggest the basis that the club would be established on. The student immediately wrote to other colleges such as Missouri, Washington, and Michigan for ideas and activities of their Senior letter clubs, and finally arrived at the following:

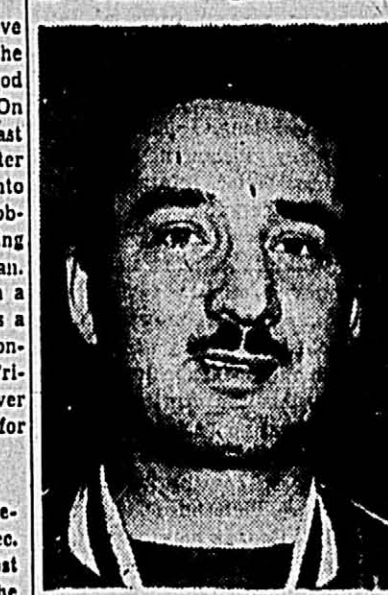
Purpose of the "M" Club — To recognize through the student organization those men who have filled the requirements of a Senior Letter through participation in competitive intercollegiate Athletics. The "M" Club will strive to foster good fellowship among Varsity Athletics, encourage spirit and ideals of good fellowship; to endeavour to assist the Athletic Department in carrying out its program of intercollegiate and intramural Athletics, and to function as a student organization in the best interests of McGill University and its students.

Proposed Activities — Various social events such as dances and stags; sponsor and plan "M" days to interest outsiders, especially youngsters, in the University; this could be done by lending stars on the various teams to schools and veteran hospitals, where they would address the pupils and vets and maybe show movies, etc; deal with

problems that concern University athletes, such as locker room facilities, complaints from the so called "Minor Sports"; welcome visiting teams and home-coming McGill teams by organizing float parades; in short to provide an organization that would increase outside interest in the University, recognize students who play on our senior teams, and stimulate more campus interest in all the varsity teams. A wonderful idea and best of luck to all those concerned in forming this club.

WEEKLY WINDUP

... That's quite a show, the Athletics Nights Committee has lined up for next Saturday night. Besides the Basketball game between



'MOE ABRAMOVITZ'

Queen's and McGill, the intercollegiate squash tourney will continue with Toronto opposing the home team, a boxing match against O.A.C. followed by an Olympic Gym Display and the feature of the evening, the trampoline. Publicity Chairman Doug Campbell informs us that a trampoline consists of the following: a canvas cover is mounted over four steel posts on which the performer does somersaults and various other dazzling tricks. Incidentally, the Olympic Gym Display consists of a squad of trained acrobats.

... Winner of the Athletics night jingle contest was none other than footballer George Valois. George pocketed the 10 dollar reward for the following—"Movies and Sports. Girls in Shorts. The show for you, that was quite a disgusting show at last Saturday night's basketball double header, when no tickets were sold until fifteen minutes before game time, thus causing a horrible line up and jam in front of Currie Gym. Certainly, no excuse for that sort of thing. However, once inside it certainly was gratifying to note the improved calibre of play McGill's basketball team now are demonstrating. It certainly is a tribute to a great coach, Moe Abramovitz.

... That was the first time in about five years that McGill won both a hockey game and a basketball game on the same week-end. ... Lucy tells me that there is at McGill an offensive fullback and a defensive end who played in a Rose Bowl contest during the war years; sure could use you, fellows. Lucy also stated that Ellie Godell who helped McGill to a golf championship, is taking practice swings at an indoor school on Mountain street. Sure likes his golf, does Ellie.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK? When is Vic Obeck going to get some nice McGill Alumni to donate a trophy perpetuating the memory of McGill's Dr. Bobby Bell? This trophy could be given to the most valuable player on the team, say, and is long overdue.

Marshall and Rocky Pace Scorers

The McGill Redmen, by defeating Queens this past weekend, gain their first two points and are tied for last place with the Queens squad. University of Montreal with four wins and one loss in five games, are perched a-top the Intercollegiate Hoop with a total of eight points. Wally Halder's Varsity squad is in second place with a total of six points, by way of three victories in four starts.

Burley Bob Marshall, Vic Obeck's stalwart lineman, and Rocky Robillard lead the team in scoring, with six points apiece. Marshall leads the team in goals scored with four. Rocky's point total consist of one goal and five assists. Brian O'Neill, former Loyola puckster, is in third place with two goals and three assists. Gene Robillard and Bob Russell both have one goal and two assists, and round out the big five scoring list.

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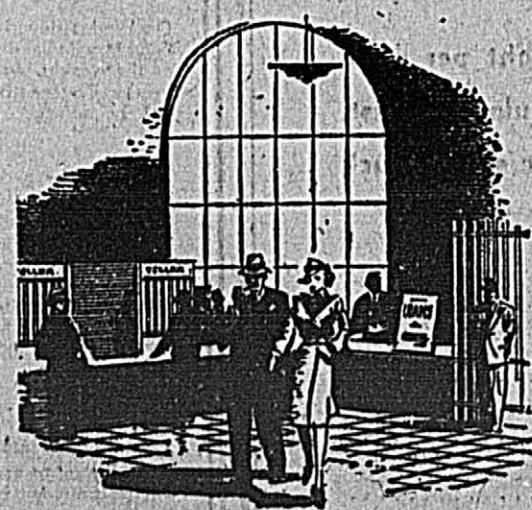
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LETTERS

Editor, The Daily:

On December the ninth, the features page of the McGill Daily carried a story by Mr. Kenneth Rosenberg, headed "From Down Under."

Several days later, someone who chose the pen-name of "Aris 2," wrote a "letter to the editor," in which he criticized Mr. Rosenberg's story.

Granted that the theme of "From Down Under" was somewhat "romantic" in nature, is this any basis for literary criticism? In my opinion it definitely is not, for I challenge "Aris 2" to name one standard (literary or other) whereby he judges the above-mentioned article.

At one point "the critic" asks the author, where he gets the pen and ink to write with from "down under." Upon reading a statement of this nature, and observing that it comes from a second year student, I was appalled, and I wondered how one of his "conservative" imagination had the nerve to call himself an Aris student.

In turn I must ask him where he gets the "moral wherewithal" (the audacity), to condemn that which in my opinion is a unique and original bit of fanciful creativity.

The type of "stickling" employed by "Aris 2," is of the kindergarten variety, and hardly does justice to the mentality of a university student. In conclusion, I noticed that "Aris 2," was apparently discreet enough, not to sign his real name. Does he lack the courage of his convictions?

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Geneticists—P. 1

ported on the work done in collaboration with Dr. Quastel of the Montreal General Hospital, and Mr. R. P. Witty, of the hospital's research staff.

They have been working on problems concerning the genetic determiner of spring and fall rye, and have found a clue to enzyme reactions which control genetic factors that determine the differences between the two. At present, investigations are being continued by Dr. Quastel's group.

Another scientific paper was given by Dr. J. W. Boyes, which concerned work done on the identification of flies from the insect parasite laboratory in Belleville, Ontario. Chromosomes are the carriers of genetic traits, and under the microscope reveal two arms. Identification of flies is assisted by measuring the length of the arm in order to determine a definite mathematical ratio which is peculiar to each chromosome type, and by a careful microscopic study of their size, shape and number.

The J.U.S.—P. 2

was not strong enough to enter IUS and work in the international field especially since IUS was such a controversial question in Canada and would require so much of the recently revived Federation's time and effort; and 3) Those who thought that NFUS should get out into the world and support the ideas of the Western democratic world, and try to change the IUS so that it would be an acceptable group for Canadian students to work with.

These three opinions were in Canadian thinking when Rambusch, Laurin and Robinson reported to NFUS on the first IUS Council meeting of 1947.

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of 12). He was a printer, journalist, politician, civil servant, diplomat and a statesman. It is impossible, in less than a book, to describe his infinity of interests. In whatever he took up, moreover, he was outstanding.

For our own time, the main defect we find in his writings is their sentimentalizing. But this is superficial. Franklin actually was a man of the world, with an acid wit. He learned early, however, that his natural candour had to be curbed to please his readers (Puritan morality was strong in eighteenth century America). Nevertheless, even in such preaching his wit and insight made the threadbare theme fresh and gleaming. If some of the lustre has gone today, it is largely because he was so eminently quotable that many of his proverbs and phrases passed into the everyday idiom of general American speech.

A second reason why Franklin is not appreciated in Canada is the lingering of old political prejudices. Franklin was, during the last two decades of his life, the object of a smear campaign on the part of George III's Tory government and its partisans. He was vilified beyond recognition. More recent criticism has shown this picture to be false. Franklin was no intransigent traitor, determined to destroy the monarchy and sever the ties of empire from the very start. He was rather a sincere American patriot, who for years believed in and worked for a united free British Empire. In 1754, he tried to bring about a union of the British American colonies into one self-governing federation. But he was too early. Had the atmosphere in British North America been that of 110

years later (and had the British government been equally enlightened), Confederation might have come about at the time of the Seven Years' War, and there would now be a Dominion extending over all of North America.

But the British government had not learned the lesson of colonial democracy. Woolwitted George III and his Tory government drove even the most loyal colonists into resistance and ultimately revolution. Benjamin Franklin reluctantly joined them. The dream he shared with Pitt of a commonwealth of nations under the Crown was not to be realized until over a century later. It is safe to say that, had he lived in our time, he would be, not a revolutionist, but one of the main advocates of a federation of English-speaking peoples.

To Canada today, with an attempt going forward to establish our constitution at last on a full sovereign basis, Franklin has a particular interest. In his closing speech to the Federal Convention which wrote the American Constitution, he said: "There are several parts of this Constitution which I do not at present approve, but I am not sure that I shall never approve them; for, having lived long, I have experienced many instances of being obliged by better information or fuller consideration to change opinions . . . which I had once thought right . . . When you assemble a number of men (with their diverse opinions and interests) . . . from such an assembly can a perfect production be expected? . . . I consent to this Constitution because I can expect no better, and I am not sure that it is not the best."

If Canada's constitution-makers can approach their business in the same spirit, Canada may become as great a nation as that which Franklin helped found.

Alberta U. Student Union Funds Shaky

Edmonton, Alberta.—(CUP)—Student Union finances are at a critical stage and will require extreme care in handling for the remainder of the term. This was the statement issued by his treasurer, Gerry Watkins, in his semi-annual report at the University of Alberta. The first revelation of the urgent financial situation came in the treasurer's statement which was issued recently. While the situation is not immediately dangerous, Watkins emphasized that spending will have to be controlled with the utmost vigilance in the next few months.

"Students have to begin realizing that the students' union is not big money," Watkins stated. "Treasurer Watkins also proposed that the union financial structure be revamped in an effort to accurately control the financial resources of the union."

NO PLANNING
He blamed the present condition on the lack of research and analysis in the preparation of annual club budgets, dearth to internal control of expenditures, and the want of a definition of responsibility.

Rectifying the first deficiency would lead to proper allocation of resources, Watkins stated in his report. Allocation, reached through budgeting, is the first means to control. However, the report stated, because clubs are dependent to a great extent on revenues which cannot be accurately forecast in the



By DON and PHIL

NITE OUT

The do of the week for Engineers is the "Nite Out," Thursday. The meal will be served at The Legion Hall at 6.45. Door prize for this meal is a RCA 45 r.p.m. record player. The smoker will be at 8.45 at the Union. The door prize is a Marconi Featherline travelling iron. A combined prize of two tickets to the Plumbers Ball, corsege from Louis Quinze, and a dress suit from Classy Formal wear consist the ne plus-ultra. Price for the above, two bucks. Beer 15 cents a quart.

This is the main event this week a sthe other departments of the EUS have not recovered from the Christmas activities.

budget, there is no criterion for control.

The fact that we cannot control revenue has caused our present crisis, Watkins declared.

More effort on the part of club treasurers in budgeting is required according to the student union treasurer. Research and analysis have not been considered by most club officials, he asserted.

Instead of merely following the previous year's records of expenditures and revenues in preparing the annual budget, club treasurers must take into account such factors as decreased student enrolment and the changing demands and requirements of the student body.

More Continuity
In addition to this Watkins advocated a more complete continuity of financial information within the clubs.

Besides accounting records which provide information for internal

Now that Prof. Dodds, of strength and foundations fame has acquired a Hollywoodian sun tan, we suggest a flowered sports shirt to go with it.

In keeping with the spirit of the times, Prof. Louis Arcand had a house fire yesterday. Fortunately his wife and children were not injured. In an exclusive interview with your correspondents Prof. Arcand stated that the fire was due to a short circuit and the high winds. Prof. Arcand has made many friends at McGill with his courses on surveying and descriptive geometry. We wonder if the police have checked the alibis of those who wrote the December sup in-descript. That's all.

control of money, further accounts of supplies and equipment are essential, the union treasurer said. This practice is not followed today. Watkins also score dthe manner of purchasing that exists within the various student union organizations. He said it was an improper use of the system of purchasing, and cited the fact that there were too many people within each club, who could sign vouchers for supplies and equipment.

"Proper control of finances, without defining responsibility cannot be achieved," the report states.

According to the present union constitution, the treasurer's duty is supervision. Watkins maintained that this relegated the treasurer no authority. He asked if, under the present definition, the job was merely to inspect, or to inspect and be liable for results.

Watkins proposed that the treas-

urer should be concerned with the "overall financial effort." To obtain this there is a need for (1) decent realization of authority and (2) continuity in the position to be obtained through advice from the student union permanent secretary. To accomplish the second requirement, Watkins said it is desirable that the duties of the permanent secretary be defined and made part of union policies. Such policies or by-laws would be extra-constitutional.

DELEGATE AUTHORITY
Decentralization, according to the treasurer's proposals, would be carried out through delegation of more responsibility and authority to club treasurers.

Each club would keep its own records, in addition to those kept by the union. Thus, the club

treasurer could constantly compare his actual financial position with that contained in the budget.

Purchasing of equipment would be done by the students' union, but all other buying would be the responsibility of the club treasurer. He would be the only person authorized to sign vouchers, which he would have to obtain from the union office.

Duties of the union treasurer Watkins defined in part as: responsibility that club budgets are not exceeded; authority to check club expenditures when desired. In addition he would require each club to submit a semi-yearly financial statement, and at the end of the varsity term the club records with the second statement. The club re-

cords would be held as a source of information for the following year's treasurer.

Watkins was insistent that, since the union organization evolved so extensively around finance, a method suitable for an institution of 1,800 students was not suitable for the three to four thousand of today.

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Thursday and Friday, January 19th and 20th, 1950

The National Research Council wishes to interview the graduate and undergraduate students whose names appear below. These interviews will not only be confined to discussion of immediate employment with the Council; but will also deal with fellowships, future research plans etc.

All interviews will be on an appointment basis. Please visit the Placement Service office (now at 3574 University St.) as soon as possible, and a definite time and place for interview will be arranged.

STUDENTS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY DR. H. SHEFFER

CHEMISTRY

POSTGRADUATES.....	Archer, W. L.	Favis, D.
	Baerg, A. P.	Gendron, L. S.
	Barton, S. S.	Gesser, H.
	Blafer, G. J.	Scunn, G. B.
	Blades, H.	Guthrie, D. A.
	Boutin, S.	Haldane, G. R.
	Breitman, L.	Hartman, J. A.
	Brown, R. M.	Hedding, R. D.
	Buller, R. W.	Hiltz, A. A.
	Carroll, M. N.	Hospadruck, V.
	Conner, J. J.	Jones, R. A.
	Craig, W. T.	Lensine, Z. A.
	Creamer, G. B.	Larsson, B. E.
	Demaster, C. J.	Leblanc, R.
	Dewhurst, C. J.	Leib, J.
	Dewhurst, H.	Levi, L.
	English, W. D.	Levitin, N.
	Evans, H. G.	
GRADUATING '50.....	Allan, R. S.	Dennis, D. A.
	Antonescu, N.	Desouza, J. E.

STUDENTS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY MR. B. O. BAKER

CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

POSTGRADUATES.....	Abbey, D. R.	Grecco, N.
	Charles, G. E.	Lyons, D. B.
	Cooper, R. M.	Morton, E. R.
	Knelman, F. H.	Pest, D. W.
		Phillips, L. A.

APPLIED MECHANICS

GRADUATING '50..... Outerbridge, P. N.

ARCHITECTS

POSTGRADUATES..... Wiseman, B.

CIVIL ENGINEERS

POSTGRADUATES.....	Bernard, G. A.	Joly, G. W.
	Bradbury, J. S.	Narduzzi, E. D.
	Cartier, L.	Pachon, R. G.
	Chow, D. Y. K.	Takeshige, Y. M.
GRADUATING '50.....	Drover, J. W.	Leonard, R.
	Harris, T. E.	McCall, T. H.

METALLURGY

POSTGRADUATES..... Wanlola, W. K. Woodhouse, G. A.

STUDENTS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY MR. G. S. WRIGHT

CHEMISTRY

POSTGRADUATES.....	Lucien, H. W.	Rooney, C. E. S.
	Luner, G.	Seldman, E. (Miss)
	McDermot, H. L.	Sherbeck, L. A.
	MacFarlane, H. M.	Sims, R. P.
	McGillivray, J. D.	Thomas, G.
	McKillican, M. E. (Miss)	Trevelyan, B.
	Manchester, D.	Turner, R. C.
	Mandelcorn, L.	Van Straten, A. C.
	Metro, S. J.	Verschingel, R. H.
	Miller, I. T.	Vincent, D. L.
	Miller, D. M.	Walker, O. J.
	Mossman, C. E. (Miss)	Whalley, B. J.
	Mould, C. M.	Whitall, N. S.
	Murdoch, J. D.	Wibbe, A. K.
	Perry, E. J.	Wiley, C. J.
	Ralph, A. O.	Yates, H. E.
	Rezanowich, A.	
GRADUATING '50.....	Gilbert, G. R.	Parsons, B. I.
	Hummel, R. W.	Rosen, H.
	Manley, R. S. G.	Van Eyken, L.
	O'Neill, G. J.	

COMING EVENTS

Items for this column must be typed on a special form obtainable at the Tuck Shop and deposited in The Daily mailbox by the Central Ticket Wicket in the hallway of the Union by one o'clock the day before the item is to appear. The deadline for Monday's paper is one o'clock Friday. Only brief items can be published in this column. Each event may be announced twice only in this column.

JANUARY 17

M.O.C. CLUB

Tiny Clarke of the Normandie Roof will be the guest caller for the first hour of M.O.C.'s fortnightly square dance in the B.W.F. room of the Gym on Tuesday evening at 8.00. Admission is free and stops. All members of the M.O.C., whether experienced or not, are welcome.

CCF CLUB

A regular meeting will be held in the Union New Room on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 1 o'clock.

NFUS LIBRARY

The McGill N.F.U.S. Library is opening in the Reading Room of the McGill Union today. The library will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will remain open every week day hereafter.

PHYSIOTHERAPY SOCIETY

All Physiotherapy students are invited to attend a lecture to be given by Dr. Woolhouse on Plastic Surgery, at the Queen Mary Veterans Hospital, on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE CLUB

The Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. in the Music Room of the Union.

FILM SOCIETY

The film "Naked City" will be shown on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and Wednesday, January 18, at 8 p.m. in the Biology Bldg., room 250. Admission free.

PLAYER'S CLUB

A preliminary casting, open to all students, for roles in "Ghosts" by Heinrich Ibsen, will be held in the New Room of the Union at 7.30 this evening. (Tuesday).

DIVINITY HALL

Members of the University are invited to attend Morning Chapel in Divinity Hall, 3520 University Street. Held on Tuesdays to Saturdays, inclusive, from 9.35 to 9.55 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, Principal G. G. D. Kilpatrick of the United Theological College will conduct the service.

MINING AND METALLURGICAL

The Society will show a film entitled "Copper Mining", courtesy of the Phelps Dodds Corporation, in room 102 Chemistry Mining Bldg., at 1 p.m., Tuesday Jan. 17.

ATHLETICS TICKETS

Ticket sellers and takers of the M.B.L., Clarkson-McGill and Athletics Night events will be paid at the Athletics Office between the hours of 12.00 and 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and Wednesday, Jan. 18.

JANUARY 18

NEWMAN CLUB

The Bridge Club will convene on Wednesday night at 8.00 p.m.

CANTERBURY CLUB

On Wednesday, Jan. 18 at one o'clock in Divinity Hall, the Rev. Guy Morston will address the Canterbury Club in the first talk of the weekly series for this term. The topic will be "The Church in the Thirteenth Century." Bring your lunch if you wish; tea will be served.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

There will be a duplicate movement held in the cafeteria of the Union on Wed. Jan. 18. All students are members and are welcome to come out and enjoy an evening's bridge. A small table fee will be charged.

LIBERAL CLUB

The regular meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Prof. Culliton will address the club on "Possible Remedies Against an Economic Recession."

JANUARY 19

NEWMAN CLUB

Annual Newman Club Ball will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 9.30 p.m. in the Town Hall of the Mount Royal. Music will be provided by Paul Beauregard and his Musicians.

I.V.C.F.

There will be a luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m., at Student House, 3445 Peel Street, Rev. Arthur Akery of Gordon City Baptist Church will address the Group. If you would like to attend please phone Bert McGee at HA. 9462.